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In re Application of	:	
Freddie Levario	:	
Application No. 10/027,308	:	DECISION
Filed: December 21, 2001	:	ON PETITION
Title of Invention:	:	
METHOD AND A COUPLER FOR	:	
JOINING TWO STEEL PIPES	:	

This is a decision on the petition filed on November 5, 2004, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

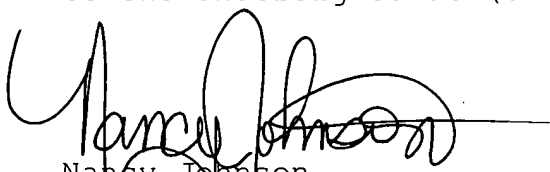
The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper response to the non-final Office action mailed May 12, 2003. This Office action set a shortened statutory period for reply of three (3) months from the mailing date of the action. No extensions of time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) were obtained. Accordingly, the above-identified application became abandoned on August 13, 2003. A courtesy Notice of Abandonment was mailed on December 16, 2003.

With the instant petition, the petitioner filed a response to the non-final Office action, and met all other requirements for a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b). It is not apparent whether the person signing the statement of unintentional delay was in a position to have firsthand or direct knowledge of the facts and circumstances of the delay at issue. Nevertheless, such statement is being treated as having been made as the result of a reasonable inquiry into the facts and circumstances of such delay. See 37 CFR 10.18(b) and Changes to Patent Practice and Procedure; Final Rule Notice, 62 Fed. Reg. 53131, 53178 (October 10, 1997), 1203 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 63, 103 (October 21, 1997). In the event that such an inquiry has not been made, petitioner must make such an inquiry. If such inquiry results in the discovery that it is not correct that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b) was unintentional, petitioner must notify the Office.

The power of attorney and change of correspondence address filed November 5, 2004 is acknowledged and made of record.

The application file is being forwarded to Technology Center 3726 for consideration of the response filed November 5, 2004 and the supplement to the response filed November 8, 2004.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571) 272-3219.



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